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Sir:

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Applicant assumes that the examiner will have access to all of the references cited in the applications. However, if the examiner wishes applicants to submit copies of the references cited in the listed applications, the examiner is encouraged to inform applicants.

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